



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held March 28, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Molina to oppose House Resolution 4437 (Sensenbrenner), the Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act, legislation which would have major ramifications on Federal immigration policies and their enforcement; and send a five-signature letter to President Bush, and members of the U. S. Congress expressing the Board's opposition to H.R. 4437.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul and Andrew Ahlering addressed the Board.

Supervisor Molina made the following revised statement:

"Yesterday, the United States Senate Judiciary Committee adopted a comprehensive approach to immigration reform which includes most of the language in S. 1033, the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act introduced by Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and John McCain (R-AZ). This bipartisan legislation addresses the complexities of immigration in our country by recognizing the contributions made by immigrants to our Nation while strengthening border enforcement.

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“In December 2005, the House of Representatives approved H.R. 4437 (Sensenbrenner) which takes a much different approach to immigration policy. H.R. 4437 includes some reasonable measures, such as making it easier to deport illegal immigrants who are identified as terrorists, and requiring that employers screen prospective employees’ Social Security Numbers to ensure that they are legally eligible to work in the United States. However, H.R. 4437 also contains very troubling elements, such as making it an aggravated felony for persons to be in the country in violation of immigration laws; expanding the definition of alien smuggling to make it a crime to help illegal immigrants; and requiring that local government agencies authorize their law enforcement officers to assist with Federal immigration law enforcement in the course of carrying out their routine law enforcement duties as a condition for receipt of ‘SCAAP’ funds (Federal funds that assist localities with large numbers of criminal aliens in their custody systems).”

Therefore, Supervisor Molina made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

1. Go on record in support of the immigration reform legislation adopted by the Senate Judiciary Committee containing language from S. 1033, the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act (Kennedy and McCain), legislation which addresses the complexities of immigration in our country by recognizing the contributions made by immigrants to our Nation while strengthening border enforcement; and
2. Go on record in opposition to House Resolution 4437 (Sensenbrenner), the Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act, legislation which would have major ramifications on Federal immigration policies and their enforcement.

After discussion, at the request of Supervisor Knabe, the Mayor ordered a division of the question.

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On motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Burke, Yaroslavsky and Knabe; Noes: Supervisor Antonovich, the Board went on record in support of the immigration reform legislation adopted by the Senate Judiciary Committee containing language from S. 1033, the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act (Kennedy and McCain), legislation which addresses the complexities of immigration in our country by recognizing the contributions made by immigrants to our Nation while strengthening border enforcement.

On motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Burke, and Yaroslavsky; Noes: Supervisors Knabe and Antonovich, the Board went on record in opposition to House Resolution 4437 (Sensenbrenner), the Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act, legislation which would have major ramifications on Federal immigration policies and their enforcement.

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